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SUBJ: GRECHKO STRESSES MILITARY BUILDUP

1. SOVIET DEFMIN GRECHKO ADDRESSED MORNING SESSION OF ALL-ARMY CONFERENCE OF KOMSOMOL SECRETARIES ON MARCH 13 AND STRESSED MORE HEAVILY THAN IN SEVERAL RECENT SPEECHES THE CONTINUALLY GROWING SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITY. WHILE GRECHKO ENDORSES THE PEACE PROGRAM OF THE PARTY, HE CONSISTENTLY RAISES THE DANGERS OF IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION INHERENT IN A PERIOD OF LESSENED TENSIONS AND CALLS FOR CONTINUED VIGILANCE. HIS EXHORTATIONS ON INCREASED COMBAT READINESS WERE APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION AND UNREMARKABLE.

2. GRECHKO HAS CONSISTENTLY EMPHASIZED GROWING SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITY: IN HIS JANUARY 8 SPEECH IN KAZAN, IN HIS PRAVDA ARTICLE FOR ARMY-NAVY DAY ON FEBRUARY 23, IN AN ARTICLE IN KOMMUNIST #3, AND NOW IN HIS SPEECH TO THE KOMSOMOL SECRETARIES (ABRIDGED VERSION PUBLISHED  
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RED STAR MARCH 14). HOWEVER, HE INCREASED THE WORDAGE

ON THE SUBJECT IN THE KOMMUNIST ARTICLE AND AGAIN IN  
YESTERDAY'S SPEECH.

3. IN KAZAN HE SAID: " OUR TASK IS TO FURTHER RAISE  
COMBAT READINESS AND TO FOLLOW VIGILANTLY THE SALLIES  
OF THE ENEMIES OF PEACE AND THE HIGHER THE DEFENSE  
CAPABILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES IS THE MORE POWER-  
FUL THEIR ARMS, AND THE BETTER THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL,  
THE MORE TRANQUIL WILL THE PLANET BE." HE WROTE ON  
FEBRUARY 23: "THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS COMMUNIST  
PARTY... DISPLAY UNWAVERING CONCERN FOR THE FURTHER  
STRENGTHENING OF THE COUNTRY'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY AND  
A RISE IN THE COMBAT POWER OF THE ARMY AND NAVY." IN  
KOMMUNIST #3 GRECHKO WROTE: " AND WHILE IMPERIALIST  
REACTION HAS NOT YET MANAGED TO UNLEASH A NEW WORLD  
WAR THIS IS PREVENTED PRIMARILY BY THE GROWING ECONOMIC  
AND DEFENSE POWER OF OUR STATE AND THE STRENGTH OF  
ITS ARMED FORCES. IN ORDER THAT PEACE BE AFFIRMED ON  
THE ENTIRE PALNET AND IN ORDER THAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE  
TRANQUILLY BUILD COMMUNISM, IT CONTINUES TO BE NECESSARY  
TO STRENGTHEN THE DEFENSE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY  
AND TO RAISE THE COMBAT ABILITY OF THE ARMY AND NAVY."

4. THIS MAIN TRHOGHT IS REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES BY  
GRECHKO IN HIS MARCH 13 ADDRESS IN WHICH HE STRESSES  
THAT THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT SHOULD NOT DULL  
VIGILANCE AND GIVE RISE TO SMUGNESS AND CARELESSNESS:

A. "THE NATURE OF IMPERIALKISM HAS NOT CHANGED;  
AGGRESSIVE AND REACTIONARY FORCES CONTINUE TO ACT IN THE  
WORLD WHO OPPOSE THE RELAXATION OF TENSION, STRUGGLE  
FOR THE INCREASE OF MILITARY BUDGETS AND FOR CONTINUATION  
OF THE ARMS RACE, AND WHO TRY TO SOW DISTRUST AMONG THE  
PEOPLES AND WARM UP ANTISOVIETISM AND ANTICOMMUNISM.  
AS A WHOLE, THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEMPORARY INTER-  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT DEMAND FROM SOVIET PEOPLE THE  
RETENTION OF HIGH VIGILANCE AND THE UNSLACKENING RISE  
IN THE DEFENSE CAPACITY OF THE SOVIET STATE AND THE  
STRENGTHENING OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE PARTY SEES THIS  
AS ONE OF ITS MAIN TASKS."

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B." THE PARTY IS DOING EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO RAISE  
CONTINUOUSLY THE COMBAT READINESS OF THE ARMED FORCES.  
THIS MEETS THE VITAL INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND IS AN  
IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY."

C. "GUIDED BY THE LENINIST PRINCIPLE OF THE UNITY OF  
NATIONAL-ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE TASKS, THE PARTY

PURPOSEFULLY IMPLEMENTS MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING THE MILITARY-ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE COUNTRY... EVER BROADER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAISING THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF OUR COUNTRY ARISE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPED SOCIALIST SOCIETY. THIS IS FOSTERED BY SUCH FACTORS AS THE EXISTENCE OF A POWERFUL ECONOMY WHICH IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THE ARMED FORCES WITH ALL MODERN TYPES OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT."

5. COMMENT: THESE LENGTHY QUOTES HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ILLUSTRATE GRECHKO'S EMPHASIS BY REPETITION OF THE MAIN THEME OF GROWING MILITARY MIGHT IN HIS LATEST SPEECH. SOVIETS MAY ENVISAGE GRECHKO'S STATEMENTS AS COUNTERPOINT TO U.S. DISCUSSIONS OF U.S. MILITARY BUDGET. THEY MAY ALSO BE AIMED AT PEKING. HOWEVER, IN THE PUBLISHED VERSION OF THIS SPEECH GRECHKO CAREFULLY AVOIDED NAMING THE IMPERIALIST FORCES, WHEREAS IN THE KAZAN SPEECH HE SPOKE HARSHLY OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND IN HIS KOMMUNIST ARTICLE HE LISTED NATO, SEATO, AND CENTO IN AN HISTORICAL PASSAGE JUSTIFYING THE SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP.  
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